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HIGHLIGHTS

Preliminary labor force estimates for June, based on the Department of Labor's household survey, indicate that New Mexico's unemployment situation continued to worsen during the month. The state's unemployment rate was up sharply in June, even more than the seasonal increase expected for the month. Youth entering the labor force, mostly seeking summer employment, normally drive up the jobless rate from May; however, the full percentage point jump this year indicates more than a temporary swing.

Among the nonagricultural payroll employment estimates for June, sizeable job increases occurred in construction, at restaurants and lodging places, and in federal government. These were all expected for this time of year. Normal losses were posted in transportation (school bus contractors) and in state and local government (summer reductions at public schools and universities). Electronic equipment manufacturing recorded a loss of 100 jobs over the month, continuing the slowdown shown by the industry in recent months. Coal mining also lost 100 jobs in June.

New Mexico's economy has slowed considerably from the expansion which began in 1983 and continued through most of 1984. Over the first six months of this year, nonagricultural payroll employment has grown by only 6,800 jobs, and the state's unemployment rate has increased from 7.4 to 9.2 percent. Over the same period in 1984, New Mexico's economy produced almost 17,000 jobs and the jobless rate fell from 8.5 to 7.3 percent.

The current slowdown is mainly the result of mining employment losses in uranium, oil & gas, potash, and copper; layoffs in electronic equipment manufacturing; and a reduction in the fast-paced growth in trade and construction. During the first half of 1984, New Mexico's trade industry grew by almost 4,000 jobs, construction added 4,600 jobs, and manufacturing posted a 2,100 employment gain. So far this year, trade is showing only a 200 increase, while construction has added 3,700 jobs and manufacturing has very little change in employment. Although mining employment has been on the decline since 1982, mining layoffs this year have been substantial. Almost 1,400 fewer mining workers are employed now than at the beginning of this year.

JUNE SUMMARY

	Prel. June 1985	Revised May 1985	Revised June 1984	Change From May 1985	Change From June 1984
Civilian Labor Force	647,400	641,300	638,100	+6,100	+9,300
Employment	588,100	588,900	591,800	- 800	-3,700
Unemployment	59,300	52,400	46,300	+6,900	+13,000
Rate	9.2%	8.2%	7.3%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUNE 1985	Revised MAY 1985	Revised JUNE 1984	Change From MAY 1985	Change From JUNE 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	519,600	518,000	507,700	+1,600	+11,900
MINING	20,300	20,300	21,400	0	- 1,100
Metal Mining	3,300	3,300	3,800	0	- 500
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	4,100	4,200	- 100	- 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,000	12,900	13,400	+ 100	- 400
CONSTRUCTION	39,000	37,900	38,500	+1,100	+ 500
MANUFACTURING	37,100	36,900	36,900	+ 200	+ 200
Durable Goods	24,400	24,300	23,700	+ 100	+ 700
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,500	2,600	+ 100	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,300	6,400	6,400	- 100	- 100
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,000	3,500	+ 100	+ 600
Other Durable Goods	11,400	11,400	11,200	0	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	12,700	12,600	13,200	+ 100	- 500
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,700	0	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	6,400	6,300	6,500	+ 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,300	30,400	29,700	-1,100	- 400
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	- 100
Trucking and Warehousing	6,200	6,100	6,100	+ 100	+ 100
Other Transportation	3,600	4,600	3,700	-1,000	- 100
Communication	7,600	7,600	7,700	0	- 100
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,800	9,800	- 200	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	123,600	121,500	119,700	+2,100	+ 3,900
Wholesale Trade	22,500	22,200	22,700	+ 300	- 200
Durable Goods	13,200	13,100	13,400	+ 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,100	9,300	+ 200	0
Retail Trade	101,100	99,300	97,000	+1,800	+ 4,000
General Merchandise Stores	10,200	9,600	10,100	+ 600	+ 100
Food Stores	14,400	14,300	14,200	+ 100	+ 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,900	12,800	12,900	+ 100	0
Eating and Drinking Places	37,900	37,000	35,100	+ 900	+ 2,800
Other Retail Trade	25,700	25,600	24,700	+ 100	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	26,100	25,700	24,800	+ 400	+ 1,300
Banking	8,500	8,400	8,300	+ 100	+ 200
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,800	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,700	11,400	10,700	+ 300	+ 1,000
SERVICES	114,000	111,100	108,800	+2,900	+ 5,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,400	10,700	11,200	+ 700	+ 200
Personal Services	5,600	5,700	5,600	- 100	0
Business Services	25,800	25,300	24,400	+ 500	+ 1,400
Health Services	26,800	26,600	26,400	+ 200	+ 400
Social Services	6,700	7,100	7,100	- 400	- 400
Membership Organizations	8,200	6,700	6,600	+1,500	+ 1,600
Other Services	29,500	29,000	27,500	+ 500	+ 2,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	130,200	134,200	127,900	-4,000	+ 2,300
Federal Government	30,500	30,200	30,400	+ 300	+ 100
Total State & Local	99,700	104,000	97,500	-4,300	+ 2,200
State 2/	42,800	46,100	42,000	-3,300	+ 800
Local	56,900	57,900	55,500	-1,000	+ 1,400

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

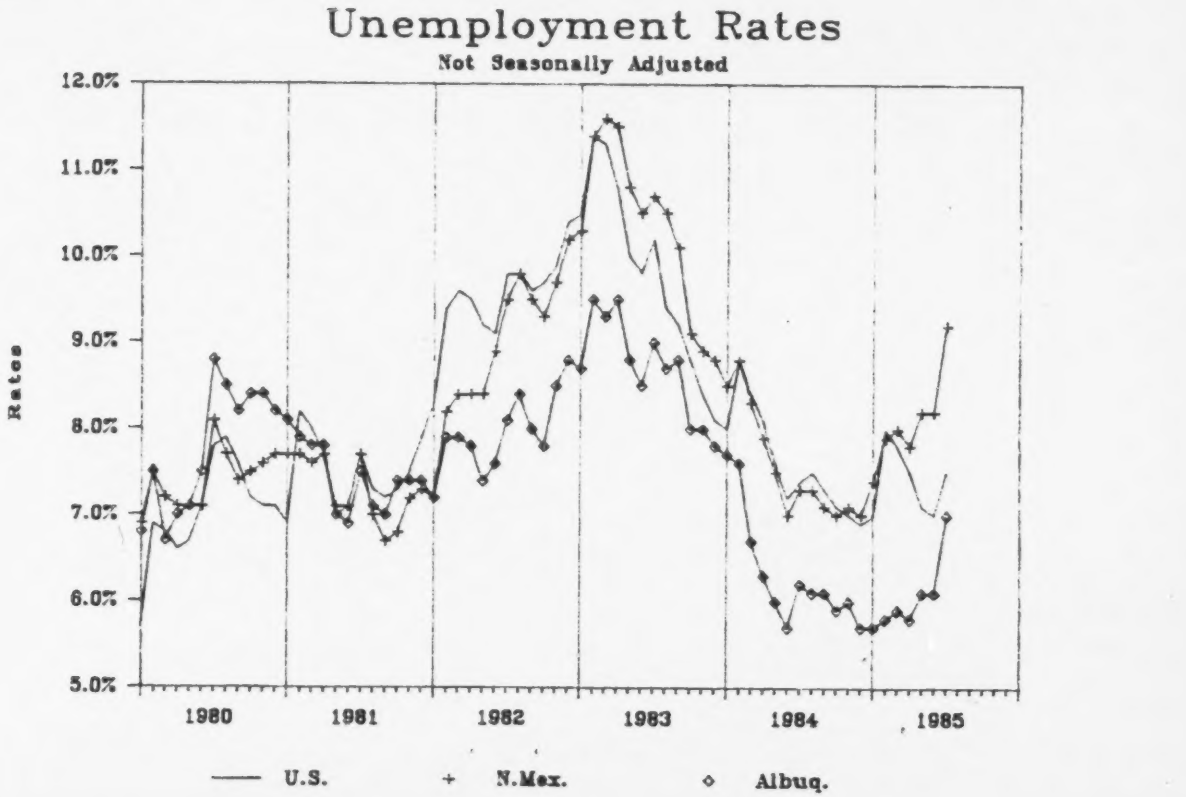
HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, unemployment in the Albuquerque area increased by 2,300 in June, while the unemployment rate rose from 6.1 to 7.0 percent over the month. Much of the unemployment increase was the result of the usual summertime entrance of youth into the labor market; however, the increase was moderately greater than has been experienced in recent years. The Albuquerque unemployment estimate has been edging up in recent months, and the June rate is now the highest since January 1984.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment added 1,700 jobs over the month. Trade added 1,100 jobs, with general merchandise stores and eating & drinking places in retail trade accounting for most of the increase. Construction and services also contributed to the advance with 700 jobs each. The majority of the gains in services were in lodging places and business services. Manufacturing experienced small gains throughout all subsectors except electronic equipment. Electronic equipment continued to show the effects of the worldwide slump in the microprocessor market with a loss of approximately 100 jobs over the month. The subsector has now lost 500 jobs since October of last year. The job decreases posted in transportation and government in June were largely the result of the summer break at educational institutions.

JUNE SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	May 1985	June 1984
Civilian Labor Force	244,600	242,700	237,000	+1,900	+7,600
Employment	227,500	227,900	222,300	- 400	+5,200
Unemployment	17,100	14,800	14,700	+2,300	+2,400
Rate	7.0%	6.1%	6.2%		



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1985	Revised MAY 1985	Revised JUN 1984	Change From MAY 1985	Change From JUN 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	218,400	216,700	209,200	+1,700	+9,200
MINING	200	200	300	0	- 100
CONSTRUCTION	17,700	17,000	15,700	+ 700	+2,000
MANUFACTURING	19,200	19,000	19,000	+ 200	+ 200
Durable Goods	13,600	13,400	13,400	+ 200	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	12,100	12,200	- 300	- 400
Transportation	5,400	5,700	5,500	- 300	- 100
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,200	0	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	56,600	55,500	53,400	+1,100	+3,200
Wholesale Trade	13,700	13,700	13,800	0	- 100
Durable Goods	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Retail Trade	42,900	41,800	39,600	+1,100	+3,300
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	3,600	3,900	+ 400	+ 100
Food Stores	4,800	4,700	4,300	+ 100	+ 500
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,700	4,600	4,700	+ 100	0
Eating and Drinking Places	17,100	16,700	15,300	+ 400	+1,800
Other Retail Trade	12,300	12,200	11,400	+ 100	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,500	13,400	12,600	+ 100	+ 900
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,600	6,500	6,000	+ 100	+ 600
SERVICES	56,100	55,400	54,000	+ 700	+2,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	2,900	3,200	+ 200	- 100
Health Services	12,900	12,800	12,600	+ 100	+ 300
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
Membership Organizations	2,100	1,900	1,900	+ 200	+ 200
Other Services	35,300	35,100	33,700	+ 200	+1,600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,300	44,100	42,000	- 800	+1,300
Federal Government	13,000	12,900	12,600	+ 100	+ 400
Total State & Local	30,300	31,200	29,400	- 900	+ 900
State	11,100	12,300	10,200	-1,200	+ 900
Local	19,200	18,900	19,200	+ 300	0

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1985	Revised MAY 1985	Revised JUN 1984	Change From MAY 1985	Change From JUN 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	36,000	37,050	35,200	-1,050	+800
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,700	2,700	+ 100	+100
MANUFACTURING	3,250	3,250	3,450	0	-200
Durable Goods	1,400	1,400	1,450	0	- 50
Nondurable Goods	1,850	1,850	2,000	0	-150
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,300	1,400	1,250	- 100	+ 50
Transportation	500	600	450	- 100	+ 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,650	7,650	7,100	0	+550
Wholesale Trade	850	850	850	0	0
Retail Trade	6,800	6,800	6,250	0	+550
General Merchandise Stores	700	700	700	0	0
Food Stores	950	950	1,000	0	- 50
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	850	850	800	0	+ 50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,700	2,400	0	+300
Other Retail Trade	1,600	1,600	1,350	0	+250
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+150
SERVICES	4,850	4,800	4,600	+ 50	+250
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	+ 50
Business Services	800	800	800	0	0
Health Services	1,150	1,100	1,050	+ 50	+100
Social Services	350	350	300	0	+ 50
Other Services	1,950	1,950	1,900	0	+ 50
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,600	15,700	14,700	-1,100	-100
Federal Government	4,700	4,600	4,600	+ 100	+100
Total State & Local	9,900	11,100	10,100	-1,200	-200
State	5,000	6,000	5,500	-1,000	-500
Local	4,900	5,100	4,600	- 200	+300

1/ *In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employment are rounded to fifty. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employment are rounded to hundreds.*

2/ *The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25, it appears as zero.*

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	1985	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$477.71	$499.59	$477.92	40.9	42.7	41.2	$11.68	$11.70	$11.60
CONSTRUCTION	376.92	386.45	377.03	34.9	36.7	37.0	10.80	10.53	10.19
MANUFACTURING	351.33	326.82	323.93	40.9	40.1	40.9	8.59	8.15	7.92
Durable Goods	270.24	345.98	334.34	41.6	40.8	41.3	8.90	8.48	8.11
Nondurable Gds	306.15	285.22	297.70	39.3	38.7	39.8	7.79	7.37	7.48
COMM and UTIL	414.33	461.92	440.36	40.7	42.3	41.6	10.18	10.92	10.60
TRADE*	274.13	273.05	263.66	36.6	35.6	35.9	7.49	7.67	7.35
BANKING	218.80	208.57	199.13	40.0	38.2	37.5	5.47	5.46	5.31
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$362.78	$330.96	$309.57	40.9	39.4	40.1	$ 8.87	$ 8.40	$ 7.72

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking Places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Signetics officials have announced plans to move about 175 jobs from Signetics' Sunnyvale, California semiconductor plant to its Albuquerque facility. The job transfer is expected to be completed by March 1986. Business conditions throughout the semiconductor industry have forced Signetics to lay off approximately 100 workers at the Albuquerque plant in recent months; and Murry Shohat, Signetics' manager of public relations, said additional layoffs are possible in the future. Ground has been broken for the first phase of a planned $10 million, 150,000-square-foot business center near Candelaria and Carlisle NE. The Candelaria Business Center is a joint venture of developers Ron Brown and Jim House. Bealls, a specialty apparel chain, will open a second Albuquerque store this fall. The new 50,000-square-foot store will be located in the Winrock Shopping Center. Pep Boys, an automotive retailer, opened three stores in Albuquerque in late June. The three 18,000-square-foot stores represent an initial investment of approximately $7.5 million in the state's retail economy. Wal-Mart opened seven stores in New Mexico in early July, including five stores in Albuquerque that employ a total of about 600 people. Summa Medical Corporation has received $75,000 from the New Mexico In-Plant Training Committee to train 22 employees. The employees will be trained as production assemblers, calibration technicians, sterile products processors, and pharmaceutical operators. The Department of Energy's Albuquerque Operations Office has awarded Blount Brothers Corp. of Montgomery, Alabama, a contract for about $26 million to build Sandia National Laboratories' new Radiation-Hardened Integrated Circuits Laboratory. The 174,000-square-foot facility is scheduled for completion in about two years. Construction is under way on a new $4.5 million office park at Montgomery and Monroe Streets NE. The Montgomery Office Park will feature three two-story buildings, each containing 20,000 square feet. The project is scheduled for completion in November.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Work on a six-story, $10 million hotel complex, located adjacent to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, should begin within a year, according to its developer, Briego Development Company. Fantasy Mountain, the new $1.1 million amusement park in Ruidoso, opened for the public in early July. Fantasy Mountain is an 18-acre facility near Ruidoso Downs which will provide about 70 jobs during its 120-day operating schedule each year. Plans for the luxury office complex, Ruidoso Financial Center, have been expanded to value approximately $2.8 million. Work on the 34,000-square-foot center began in July.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: The Department of Energy is reporting that work on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) project near Carlsbad is right on schedule. Ohbayashi-Gumi, a Japanese firm, recently completed major underground work at the project. Employment at WIPP is currently about 650 persons. The project is expected to be on-line in 1988, at which time approximately 250 workers will be needed to operate the plant. Railroad Builders, a Colorado firm, was the successful bidder to construct a railroad spur from the Santa Fe Railway tracks into the Artesia Industrial Park. AMAX Chemical Company permanently laid off 80 workers at its potash mine prior to the facility's regular maintenance shutdown in June.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents awarded a $1.3 million contract to Chaparral Builders of Hobbs for remodeling of the Liberal Arts building on the Portales campus.

ESPANOLA AREA: The Espanola City Council has approved $2 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds to finance the expansion of the Chamisa Inn. The expansion will add 50 rooms and double the conference room space at the Inn. Cannon Structures, Inc. of Blackfoot, Idaho was the low bidder to build headgates, sluiceways, and

earth channels on Espanola area ditches. The project will cost about $2.3 million.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority (NECA), a Navajo Tribe operated concern, started work in June on the first phase of radioactive uranium tailings cleanup near Shiprock. NECA was awarded the subcontract for the cleanup work from Morrison-Knudsen, the U.S. Department of Energy's prime remedial action contractor for hazardous uranium mining and processing sites across the country. NECA expects to add approximately 30 workers to its current 250-person workforce for the next 21 months to complete the cleanup work. Ground was broken in late June on a 62,000-square-foot, $4.3 million shopping center in Shiprock. The project is scheduled for completion by May 1986.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: Homestake Mining Company is expected to lay off 100 workers in August as the company closes conventional uranium mining operations. Homestake reduced its workforce by 125 back in April, and the August layoff will leave the firm with only about 50 workers. Three subcontractors have been selected for the preliminary cleanup work on the old Phillips/United Nuclear uranium tailings pile at Ambrosia Lake. Ferris Mines will dig test pits for soil samples around the tailings pile, In Situ Technology Inc. is conducting soil testing, and Western Technologies, Inc. will drill about 25 boreholes to test for water contamination. The total cleanup work at Ambrosia Lake is expected to cost more than $18 million and generate as many as 103 jobs during the three-year project. Laguna Pueblo opened the state's first tribally operated supermarket in June. The store will provide income to the tribe and employ about 60 people. Secretary of Labor William E. Brock announced in early July that 600 laid off uranium miners formerly employed by Quivira Mining Corp. in Ambrosia Lake have been certified as eligible to apply for cash benefits, training, and other employment-related assistance under provisions of the Trade Act of 1974. Workers may be certified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) under the Act when foreign imports are the direct cause of worker layoffs.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Schlumberger Corporation is planning to build a new $750,000 office and shop facility on West Bender in Hobbs. Work has started on Naico Chemical Co.'s new $775,000 office, lab, and shop facility west of Hobbs. Lasco Construction is the general contractor for the Naico project. During the first week in July, oil well drilling in the Permian Basin was at its lowest level in almost two years, according to figures compiled by Reed Tool Company. Lea County was leading the Basin with 29 active drilling rigs. Smith's Foodway closed its E. Marland store in Hobbs in late June, resulting in the layoff of about 20 workers. Also closing in June were the Cimmaron West Motel and Shook Tire Co. Dresser-Titan merged its operations with B.J. Hughes Corp. and laid off approximately 10 workers in Hobbs. Gulf Oil Company plans to upgrade its Division Office in Hobbs and add about 50 employees to its local payroll.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work on the $16 million Hilton Inn in Las Cruces, which was announced back in April, is still awaiting final financial arrangements, according to Sheldon Pollack, a major partner in the development. Work could start on the hotel complex within several weeks. J.L. Gray Development Corp. has begun a $2 million project to convert the Palms Inn on W. Picacho Ave. into a 73-unit apartment complex. Work on the $3.8 million Quality Inn on Avenida de Mesilla is nearing completion.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Five crews of firefighters from the Mora and Las Vegas division of the Southwest Forest Firefighters, a national Forest Service program, were activated in late June to fight fires in California. About 46 firefighters from Mora and 69 from Las Vegas are involved. The San Miguel County Commission recently granted Wilson Learning Center, a Minnesota-based company, $5.8 million in special limited

obligation bonds. The revenue will be used by Wilson Learning to develop a 1,700-acre executive campus and conference center. The facility will be located in San Ysidro, west of Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Smith's Foodway opened a new 36,000-square-foot store in White Rock in June. Harrill Electrical Inc. of Dallas, Texas was awarded a $1.8 million contract to construct about 12,400 feet of electrical duct bank and install about 15,500 feet of power cable along Pajarito Road in Los Alamos. The project started in July and is scheduled for completion in 180 days.

RATON AREA: A coal mine owned and operated by Wyoming Fuel Corporation near Trinidad, Colorado shut down in late June. The firm initially laid off 140 workers in April and an additional 20 in June. The majority of the laid off workers live in the Trinidad area; however, some reside in Raton.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation has laid off about 150 workers in a series of small workforce reductions in June and early July. Laid off were mostly employees recently hired to catch up on a backlog of bus orders. Transit Accessories, a major supplier of fiber glass products for TMC, has also laid off about 20 workers. The Roswell City Council gave approval to Sonic Pump Corporation to renovate a building at the Roswell Industrial Air Center for establishment of a pump manufacturing operation. Sonic anticipates hiring approximately 40 workers when manufacturing is underway at the new plant.

SANTA FE AREA: Construction has started on an 18,000-square-foot Pep Boys store in Santa Fe. The store, an automotive retailer, will employ between 15 and 20 people. Bealls, a specialty apparel chain, opened a 30,000-square-foot store in Santa Fe in July. The Bealls chain operates 135 stores in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Ramtech Inc., a manufacturer of stone floor tiles, has leased a 13,000-square-foot facility at the Joseph Valdes Industrial Park for its corporate offices and principal manufacturing plant. The firm is expected to employ about 50 people. Gold Fields Operating Company will shut down its Ortiz gold mine south of Cerrillos next year because the mine is running out of economically recoverable ore. About 50 employees will be affected by the four phase closing that is scheduled to begin next spring. Wal-Mart opened its new 82,000-square-foot store in July. The store employs about 200 people.

SILVER CITY/LORDSBURG AREA: Ground breaking ceremonies were held in late June for the Victorio Homes, Inc. modular home factory in Lordsburg. The 45,000-square-foot factory is expected to be completed by November, at which time it will employ approximately 50 workers constructing 260 units of customized housing per year.

TAOS AREA: The Taos Town Council passed a $9.5 million bond issue in June to build a nursing home and new hospital. The facilities will be additions to the Holy Cross Hospital. The new additions are expected to increase employment by about 65 people and the total payroll to about $4 million. The Carson National Forest has completed seasonal hiring and now employs about 400 workers. The $2.6 million St. Francis Motel is expected to be completed in late August. Construction employment at the new $2.8 million Smith's Food and Drug Store is about 30 people. The store is scheduled to be completed in late September.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
June 1985

CPI-U - 322.3
CPI-W - 318.7

(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1985				REVISED MAY 1985				REVISED JUNE 1984			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	647,322	588,066	59,256	9.2%	641,239	588,879	52,360	8.2%	638,090	591,759	46,331	7.3%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	244,639	227,543	17,096	7.0%	242,733	227,891	14,842	6.1%	237,069	222,342	14,727	6.2%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	44,727	40,128	4,599	10.3%	45,487	41,373	4,114	9.0%	43,639	40,470	3,169	7.3%
Catron	1,010	863	147	14.6%	931	819	112	12.0%	979	880	99	10.1%
Chaves	25,668	23,579	2,089	8.1%	25,277	23,493	1,784	7.1%	25,579	24,136	1,443	5.6%
Cibola	11,338	8,973	2,365	20.9%	11,265	9,159	2,106	18.7%	11,171	9,509	1,662	14.9%
Colfax	7,579	6,944	635	8.4%	6,837	6,205	632	9.2%	7,667	7,103	564	7.4%
Curry	15,923	14,733	1,190	7.5%	15,908	14,850	1,058	6.7%	16,162	15,108	1,054	6.5%
De Baca	1,042	955	87	8.3%	973	894	79	8.1%	1,048	981	67	6.4%
Eddy	23,282	20,600	2,682	11.5%	23,161	20,972	2,189	9.5%	23,698	21,599	2,099	8.9%
Grant	9,735	8,337	1,398	14.4%	9,895	8,570	1,325	13.4%	10,335	9,373	962	9.3%
Guadalupe	1,615	1,385	230	14.2%	1,567	1,381	186	11.9%	1,716	1,608	108	6.3%
Harding	656	609	47	7.2%	585	538	47	8.0%	646	621	25	3.9%
Hidalgo	2,634	2,381	253	9.6%	2,556	2,389	167	6.5%	2,578	2,435	143	5.5%
Lea	31,421	29,513	1,908	6.1%	31,109	29,462	1,647	5.3%	31,296	29,966	1,330	4.2%
Lincoln	9,236	8,722	514	5.6%	8,802	8,439	363	4.1%	9,260	8,961	299	3.2%
Los Alamos	12,176	11,908	268	2.2%	12,025	11,807	218	1.8%	12,068	11,738	330	2.7%
Luna	5,534	4,582	952	17.2%	5,452	4,573	879	16.1%	5,329	4,714	615	11.5%
McKinley	17,065	14,736	2,329	13.6%	16,725	14,770	1,955	11.7%	17,537	15,800	1,737	9.9%
Mora	1,159	796	363	31.3%	1,115	791	324	29.1%	1,110	811	299	26.9%
Otero	15,608	14,216	1,392	8.9%	15,661	14,405	1,256	8.0%	15,669	14,622	1,047	6.7%
Quay	5,433	4,951	482	8.9%	5,357	4,919	438	8.2%	5,529	5,103	426	7.7%
Rio Arriba	11,514	9,274	2,240	19.5%	12,199	10,004	2,195	18.0%	11,145	9,317	1,828	16.4%
Roosevelt	7,396	6,986	410	5.5%	7,193	6,836	357	5.0%	7,562	7,258	304	4.0%
Sandoval	14,674	13,076	1,598	10.9%	14,253	12,881	1,372	9.6%	14,033	13,043	990	7.1%
San Juan	37,186	32,003	5,183	13.9%	36,694	32,052	4,642	12.7%	36,701	32,384	4,317	11.8%
San Miguel	9,305	7,994	1,311	14.1%	9,450	8,231	1,219	12.9%	9,098	7,997	1,101	12.1%
Santa Fe	44,331	41,528	2,803	6.3%	42,880	40,526	2,354	5.5%	44,234	42,132	2,102	4.8%
Sierra	2,736	2,540	196	7.2%	2,725	2,513	212	7.8%	2,683	2,591	92	3.4%
Socorro	4,806	4,406	400	8.3%	5,007	4,654	353	7.1%	4,756	4,366	390	8.2%
Taos	11,267	9,002	2,265	20.1%	10,858	8,557	2,301	21.2%	10,882	9,186	1,696	15.6%
Torrance	2,524	2,182	342	13.5%	2,443	2,156	287	11.7%	2,393	2,214	179	7.5%
Union	2,566	2,404	162	6.3%	2,484	2,339	145	5.8%	2,692	2,564	128	4.8%
Valencia	11,537	10,217	1,320	11.4%	11,632	10,430	1,202	10.3%	11,826	10,827	999	8.4%

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